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ABSTRACT

This almanac is intended for parents who are considering home schooling or who are already home schooling and want to expand and obtain more resources, and for non-home-schooling parents who want educational resources to supplement their child's education at home. Part 1 of the almanac presents background information into what home schooling is and how it works. Chapter 1 explores why home schooling should be considered. Chapter 2 offers advice on how to begin, including the philosophy of one father who home schooled four sons. Chapter 3 demonstrates the importance of father involvement in children's lives and education. Chapter 4 presents information on determining a child's learning style. Chapters 5 through 7 detail three basic methods--the parental approach, the unschooling method, and the eclectic method--with each chapter including an interview with a home-schooling parent utilizing that approach. Chapter 7 discusses lesser-known home-schooling methods, including the delayed academic approach and the Charlotte Mason method. Chapter 8 focuses on the use of music as family entertainment and an enriching aspect of education. Chapter 9 discusses college admissions for home schoolers. Chapter 10 provides ideas for home-based businesses that enable parents to support their family while staying home with their children. Chapter 11 answers commonly asked questions about home schooling. Part 2 of the almanac highlights products for home schooling related to language skills, mathematics, science, technology, liberal arts, thinking skills, and arts and crafts. Part 3 provides information on available print and Web site resources related to diverse religious or ethnic home-schooling groups and various methods of home schooling. Part 4 provides information on home schooling for each of the 50 states, including state regulations and political climate regarding home schooling, along with contact information for statewide home-schooling groups and the state's department of education. Appended is information on people

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behind the home-schooling movement and various terms used in home schooling as well as coupons providing discounts on home-schooling materials. (KB)

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